

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Claude COTREL et al.

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For: OPTICALLY ACTIVE 5H-PYRROLO[3, 4-B]PYRAZINE DERIVATIVE, ITS
PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING IT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2001 in the above-captioned application. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, and check for the appropriate government extension fee, are concurrently submitted herewith. Kindly amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 60-62 and 68 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute amended claim 57-59 and 63-67 for their prior versions:

57. (Amended) The substantially optically pure dextrorotatory isomer of 6-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-5-[(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-carbonyloxy]-7-oxo-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrrolo[3,4-b]pyrazine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.